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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Order Instituting Rulemaking Regarding Policies, Procedures and Rules for the California Solar Initiative, the Self-Generation Incentive Program and Other Distributed Generation Issues.

Rulemaking 12-11-005  
(Filed November 8, 2012))

**ASSIGNED COMMISSIONER'S RULING  
STAYING SELF-GENERATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM PROJECT  
TERMINATIONS DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND THE CONTROL OF  
PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS**

This ruling stays Self-Generation Incentive Program (SGIP) project terminations when the delay is the result of circumstances beyond the control of the program participant.

On November 13, 2014, the Center for Sustainable Energy, on behalf of the SGIP administrators (Center for Sustainable Energy, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Southern California Edison Company, and Southern California Gas Company), filed a petition for modification of Decision (D.) 11-09-015 to increase the number of allowable six-month extensions from two to three beyond the Reservation Expiration Date for SGIP projects at government and commercial properties when the delay is the result of circumstances beyond the control of the program participant. This ruling directs program administrators to stay SGIP project terminations when the delay is the result of circumstances beyond the control of the program participant until the Commission acts in response to the November 13, 2014 petition for modification.

## **1. Background**

The SGIP imposes a deadline of 18 months after the receipt of the Conditional Reservation Letter for projects applying for SGIP funds to be interconnected and operating. D.11-09-015 allowed the SGIP program administrators to grant a maximum of two six-month extensions to projects to accommodate delays.

On November 13, 2014, the Center for Sustainable Energy, on behalf of the SGIP program administrators, filed a petition for modification to increase the number of allowable six-month extensions of the Reservation Expiration Date for SGIP projects for government and commercial host customers from two to three. The petition for modification states that the program administrators are currently involved in instances where the program participants have experienced delays due to unexpected circumstances outside of their control that will soon cause program participants to exhaust the additional time granted to them by a second extension. No parties opposed this petition.

On December 2, 2014, the California Energy Storage Alliance (CESA) filed a motion for expedited consideration of the program administrators' petition for modification. CESA's motion included a declaration by Byron Washom, Director of Strategic Energy Initiatives at University of California, San Diego. Mr. Washom's declaration states that an SGIP-funded storage project at University of California, San Diego that was delayed for various reasons, outside of its control, and will be automatically terminated on December 21, 2014 due to the expiration of the second extension, despite having made substantial progress toward project completion. No parties opposed this motion.

## 2. Discussion

In addition to the SGIP project at University of California, San Diego, I am aware of other projects that may be in jeopardy of termination due to circumstances outside of the program participant's control. Therefore, I direct SGIP program administrators to stay the termination of any SGIP projects when the delay is caused by circumstances outside of the program participant's control until the Commission acts in response to the pending petition for modification.

**IT IS RULED** that Center for Sustainable Energy, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Southern California Edison Company, and Southern California Gas Company shall stay all terminations of Self-Generation Incentive Program projects that are unable to achieve operation by the end of their second extension period when the delay is caused by circumstances outside of the program participant's control until the Commission acts in response to the November 13, 2014 petition for modification.

Dated December 19, 2014, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ MICHAEL R. PEEVEY

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Commissioner